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## JUDICIAL EVALUATION COMMISSION

November 7, 2007

### Administrative Office of the Courts

The public meeting of the Judicial Evaluation Commission was called to order by William C. Whitesell, Jr., Chairperson.

William C. Whitesell, Chair	<i>Quincy Barlow</i>	<i>John Day</i>
Telford Forgety, TC	<i>Henrietta Grant</i>	Barbara Haskew, TC
William Massey, VC	Carol McCoy, TC	Susan McGannon
Roger Page, TC	Howell Peoples, TC	<i>Barbara Walls</i>

*Name in italics indicates absence from meeting.*

**TC=attended via teleconference**

**VC=attended via videoconference**

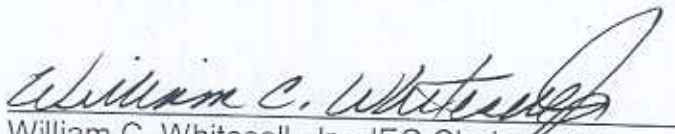
Aaron Conklin, AOC Assistant General Counsel/Commission Staff was also present.

1. New members Susan McGannon and William Massey were introduced.
2. Minutes of the July 9, 2007 meeting were approved with one correction upon motion of Howell Peoples and a proper second.
3. Aaron Conklin provided an update on the compressed timeframe within which an evaluation interview and report must be completed for the upcoming Court of Appeals appointee. Very short notice will be available for this process, depending upon when the appointment is made by the governor. The Judicial Selection Commission is conducting interviews on November 15-16, 2007 and will send 3 names to the governor on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. Commission members discussed the December 3, 2007 interview schedule. In addition, survey reports will be available for Justice Gary Wade and Judge Kelly Thomas, but not for Justice William Koch and Judge Andy Bennett because of the dates of their appointments. Commission members discussed the interview process. Commission members requested that staff obtain current caseload reports as well as caseload reports that indicate timeliness from previous court service. Staff was also requested to make previous survey results available.
5. Commission members examined the proposed commission bylaws. Carol McCoy moved adoption of the bylaws. The motion was seconded and the floor opened for discussion. Following extensive discussion of the provisions of the proposed bylaws, the motion was tabled. Staff was directed to edit the document to reflect suggestions made in discussion and to distribute the edited bylaws for discussion and adoption at the next meeting.
6. Commission members discussed how to evaluate the quality of written opinions and proposed to draft correspondence to local bar associations to gauge interest in obtaining volunteer opinion evaluators.
7. Commission members discussed different methods by which to make the public more aware of the Judicial Evaluation Commission's evaluation report

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as a resource for information on the performance of appellate judges. Local and specialty bar associations were targeted as potential groups that might be of assistance with making the report more widely known, as well as the state and local party committees.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2007 for the purpose of conducting evaluation interviews.
9. All business having been conducted, the meeting was adjourned.

  
William C. Whitesell, Jr., JEC Chairperson

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Date

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